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I, VX 114230, Capt. Basil James Whitby, of Army Headquarters,  
make oath and say:

1. I am an officer of the Australian Military Forces.
2. Annexed hereto and marked "MI" is a true copy of a  
statement by SEOJI Motoyoshi on 26 November 1945 which  
I have in my custody in the course of my duties.
3. The original statement cannot be made available  
immediately as it is required for trials of minor  
war criminals.

Sworn before me at Melbourne )

this twenty-seventh day of May, 1946. )

/s/ E.J. Whitby, Capt.

R. D. Crompton, Capt. /s/

An officer of the  
Australian Military Forces

Case Against :

SHOJI, Motoyoshi

Case No: .....Subject:

LONG NAWAN MASSACRE

I, SHOJI, Motoyoshi, Lt (JG) of 2 Guard Unit TARAKAN, make the following statement:-

"In Jan 42 I was a member of the Japanese Forces which landed on Tarakan, during the operation I was wounded and subsequently remained there until Jul 42.

Comd MAKIUCHI was in comd of the forces on Tarakan subsequent to the landing.

When the Dutch Forces surrendered in April 42 it was decided to send from Tarakan some native delegates to the enemy force at Long Nawan with a document informing them of the surrender.

After receiving no reply or any indication of surrender an Operational Order MAKIUCHI Force was issued to the effect that a punitive detachment would be sent to Long Nawan.

A party of approximately 20 under the comd of Lt (JG) OKINO proceeded to Samarinda and joined a party of approximately 40 under comd WO TAKU. The detachment then proceeded to Long Nawan arriving there in August. I was a member of the detachment by virtue of the fact that a PI Comd had become ill and I was ordered to take his place as an attached officer.

We arrived at Long Nawan on approximately 20/21 Aug 42 and on the day of arrival there was a pitched battle.

In the battle 2 Japanese were wounded and to the best of my knowledge 12 casualties were inflicted on the enemy; the others escaped and a search patrol was despatched and within three days they were rounded up, one man to the best of my knowledge had been murdered by DYAKS.

The original total strength of the enemy was approximately 30. The party rounded up including approximately 4 women and 3 children were then executed for failing to comply with the surrender order.

I heard later that some had been beheaded and others shot. The majority of those executed were whites.

At the time of the execution I, with some of my platoon, were repairing our arms and I did not take part in the execution.

We were in radio communication with Tarakan after the rounding up of the enemy and Lt OKINO received instructions from Comd MAKIUCHI that the enemy were to be all executed. I actually saw this order.

We remained at Long Nawan for approximately a month and then the respective parties returned to Samarinda and Tarakan.

I believe that in Jul or Aug 43 Lt OKINO returned to JAPAN. I also believe that Comd MAKIUCHI returned to JAPAN in approximately October 42."

The above statement has been read over to me in the Japanese language and is a true account of what I have said.

SHOJI, Motoyoshi

Signed at BALIKPAPAI.  
26 Nov 45

Witness: W. E. Chiswick, Capt.

Exhibit "MI"

This is the document marked Exhibit "MI" referred to in the affidavit of VX114230, Captain E.J. WHITBY, sworn before me this 27th day of May 1946 as being produced and sworn to him at the time of his swearing the said affidavit.

/s/ R. D. Crompton, Capt.  
An Officer of the  
Australian Military Forces

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3. 右陳述書原本ハ次級戦争犯罪人裁判ニ必要ナルニ依リ直ニ使用ニ供スルコトハ出来ナイ。

陸軍大尉「B・J・ワットビー」  
署名

「メルボルン」ニ於イテ、当一九四六年五月二十七日余、  
面前ニテ宣誓言セリ。

濠洲陸軍士官

陸軍大尉 R. D. コムタシ 署名



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事件等……予

公判「シヨウジ・モトヨシ」ニ対スル事件

件名「ロニグ・ナウシ」虐殺

私即チ「タラカン」オニ警備隊付海軍中尉「シヨウジ・モトヨシ」  
ハ、如キ陳述ヲナス。

一九四三年一月、私「タラカン」上陸日本部隊、一員デア  
リシタ。其、作戦中私ハ負傷シ。其後一九四三年十  
月迄、ソコニ滞留シマシタ。

上陸後ハ「マキウチ」海軍中佐ガ「タラカン」部隊、指揮ヲ  
執ツテ居リシタ。

一九四三年四月「オウラング」軍降伏ニ際シ「タラカン」  
「ロニグ・ナウシ」敵部隊ニ「降伏」知ラセル書類ヲ持タセテ、土  
民代表數名ヲ派遣スルコトニナリシタ。

コレニ対シテ、返答モナリ又降服、模様モ見エカッタ、討  
伐部隊ヲ「ロニグ・ナウシ」ニ派遣スルトイフ趣旨、マキウチ部  
隊作戦命令ガ発せシマシタ。

「オキ」海軍中尉、指揮スル約二十名、一隊ハ「サマラ」  
ニ進ミ、タラカン兵曹長、指揮スル約四十名、一隊ト合シマシタ。  
コノ部隊ハ「シヨウジ・ロニグ・ナウシ」向テ行進シ、八月該地ニ  
到着シマシタ。

私ハ一名、小隊長ハ病氣トナリ降付  
士官トシテ、代理ヲ命ぜラシメイフ訳デ、ソノ部隊、一員  
トナリマシタ。

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私共、一九四三年八月二十三日頃「ロング・タン」に到着シテ、列着、日  
 敵と戦闘を行ハシメタ。  
 コノ戦闘で日本兵二名負傷シタガ私、如ク是に限りテ、敵七十二名  
 死傷者出シタガ他、逃走シタガ、搜索隊が必ガ、三日、内  
 搜シ集メタガ、私、如ク是に限りテ、中一名「グア・リ」人殺サシテ忌  
 ムシタ。  
 最初、敵全兵力、約三十名デシタ。搜シ集メタミシテ部隊、約四名、  
 婦人三名子供三名居タミタガ、降伏命令ニ順ハカミタムツ廉キ、  
 ソノ後死刑ニ処セラレタ。  
 其者、首ヲ刎ネラレ、他者、射殺サシタムコトヲ、私、後ニテ聞  
 キタ。  
 コノ等死刑サシタ者、大半、白人デアリタ。  
 死刑執行、際私、自今、小隊、歌者ト兵器修繕シテ居リ  
 シ、デ、処刑ニ加ハルセデシタ。  
 私達ハ敵ヲ搜シ集メタカラ「タラカン」ト無線聯絡ニテ平タタ。  
 ソノ「オキ」中尉ハ「マキウ」中佐カラ敵ヲスベテ死刑ニ処スベシ  
 イフ訓令ヲ受ケタ。私、現ニ此、命令ヲ見シタ。  
 私達ハ「ロング・タン」ニ約一月滞在シタカラ、各部隊、夫々「サニギ」  
 ト「タラカン」ニ歸リタ。  
 一九四三年七八月頃「オキ」中尉ハ日本ニ帰還シタト思ヒタ。  
 又「マキウ」中佐ハ一九四三年十月頃日本ニ帰還シタト思ヒタ。

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以上陳述書に日本語を私に讀み聞かせしより分ち、私、陳述ミタ  
事柄、眞正に記録し置ス。

「ミヨウシ、モトヨシ」

一九四五年十一月二十六日「バムクムバム」署名ス

證人 陸軍大尉「W. H. チヌウ」

證據書類「M-1」

三六、一九四六年五月三日、余、面前ニ宣警セラル、ハ、二四二三  
陸軍大尉「B. J. ナット」ニ、口供書ニ於テ、同人が、同口供書ニ宣警  
ミタ際、同人を提示サシ、自述ス。證據書類「M-1」記号  
ニ有ル書類ナリ。

濠洲陸軍士官

陸軍大尉「R. D. ムンク」

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